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My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **WEB-TYPE FLOOR COVERING AND METHOD FOR ITS MANUFACTURE**, the specification of which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 4, 2000, Serial No. 09/542,234.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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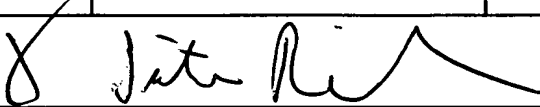
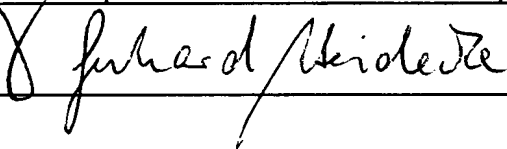
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